

Continued Clean-up Efforts at ESI Environmental, Inc. Facility 8610 West 86th Street Indianapolis

Since October 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has initiated and controlled cleanup activities at the former ESI Environmental, Inc. facility located at 8610 West 86th Street, Indianapolis. EPA has characterized and removed the immediate hazards and now oversees an on-site contractor, acting on behalf of the largest customers of ESI, for the remainder of the cleanup. Throughout the cleanup process, EPA and the City of Indianapolis continue to monitor the progress of the on-site contractor to ensure protection of the environment and surrounding residents.

On August 11, 2011, EPA conditionally approved the on-site contractor's work plan to begin removal of accumulated solids and sludge from two (2) large tanks. Because these enclosed tanks were used throughout the 20 years of production at the site, the removal of the solids may result in the creation of odors.

The on-site contractor will use removal and work practices that are expected to minimize odors; however, a rotten egg smell, comprised of hydrogen sulfide, may be noticed. EPA is requiring air monitoring to ensure that the public is not at risk during this period. It is important to note, however, that the level of hydrogen sulfide detected by the human nose is far below levels that would pose a health risk.

The hours for removal are anticipated to be Monday through Friday from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The tank cleaning will last approximately 2 months.

To learn more information about the cleanup process at the site, please visit EPA's website at www.epaosc.org/esl. To register a complaint about the odor, please contact the Mayor's Action Center at www.indy.gov/requestindy or (317)327-4622.